

A Publication of News and Events

Leaders need to be optimists. Their vision is beyond the present.

Rudy Giuliani

The words you speak today should be soft and tender . . . for tomorrow you may have to eat them.

Unknown

I actually look at the current growth discussion as a good problem. In the past, 80-95% of new development on the Shore was going outside the towns, in rural areas or waterfront. Today, that is almost reversed. We can't afford to have growth expand outside our towns. We know that growth is coming. We have to ask ourselves:

Where do we want it to go? How can we best benefit ourselves, our communities, economic development, the environment, and our children's future?

**Rob Etgen, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy
6th Annual Eastern Shore Land Use
Planning Conference**



*Holiday
Church
Services . . .*

CHRISTMAS EVE

Trappe United Methodist
(Candlelight Service)

7:00 p.m.

Trappe Wesleyan

7:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Episcopal 7:30 p.m. with Rev. Roger Tilden

CHRISTMAS DAY

Scotts United Methodist Casual Service & Brunch 10:00 a.m.



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anniversaries, housewarmings, collectors & more

For more information please stop by or call the Town Office at
410.476.3170 (Proceeds benefit the Town of Trappe Christmas Decoration Fund)

Lions Club Sponsors Annual Decorating Contest



The Trappe Lions Club is once again sponsoring a holiday decorating contest. A team of judges will make their decision on Christmas Eve between 7-8:30 p.m. Three \$25 gift certificates from George's Green Thumb will be awarded. This contest has been held for approximately 40 years. In the past, prizes were holly trees, many of which have grown tall throughout town. At one time, awards were also made for decorated commercial buildings. There have been several houses that have won repeatedly, some winning as many as 8 times over the years. Winners are invited to the Lions Club dinner to receive their awards. For more information, please contact Ed Nelson at 410.476.3127.

Meanwhile, what are you waiting for? Start decorating!

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NEWS FROM TOWN HALL

Town Meeting, November 3, 2004

(Town Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm)

ORDINANCE 8-2004, Amended Water & Sewer Budget & Fee Structure (to correct typographical error ONLY)

Following a Public Hearing held November 1st, a typographical error in the Water & Sewer ordinance caused a miscalculation in the town's Enterprise budget. The mistake was corrected and amended basic usage for water and sewer revised from 1,000 to 1,700 gallons metered.

Monthly rates for sewer and water are as follows: \$16.40 basic and \$3.20 usage for property within municipal limits; \$32.80 basic and \$6.40 usage for property outside of town. Sewer rates will be \$24.60 basic and \$5.25 per 1,000 gallons used for municipal properties; \$49.20 basic and \$10.50 per 1,000 gallons usage for outside properties. The new rates take effect December 1, 2004.

Hazard Mitigation Plan

Talbot County officials have worked over the last year to prepare a countywide Hazard Mitigation Plan, which makes recommendations to certain areas on how to handle emergency situations. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will no longer reimburse municipalities after a natural disaster unless they have adopted a plan by resolution. Don English, Trappe planning commissioner, worked on the drafting of Talbot County's plan. He said it primarily puts towns in line to receive FEMA funding if ever needed. The council invited public comment at its December 1st meeting on adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Planning Commission Meetings

(held on the 2nd & 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm)

Discussion Re: State Hwy Admin. Overpass, Heritage Area Management Plan & Commercial Design Standards

The planning commission continued its deliberations on these issues, which will be further discussed and investigated in future meetings.

FROM THE TOWN CLERK:

Winter weather is on its way. Please remember to clear your sidewalk within 24 hours of snowfall. This is also a good time to think of the needs of your neighbors...

Please keep water meters clear of snow and debris to help employees perform timely readings each month.

Freezing temperatures are here already, don't forget to make sure all outside pipes are protected and where possible outside water sources are cutoff to prevent freezing and bursting pipes.

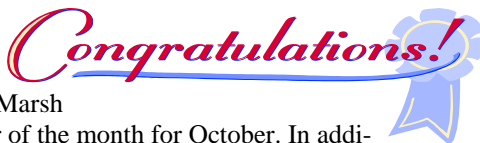
Thanks to everyone who has helped over the years to allow us to have such wonderful Holiday decorations through out the Town and thanks to those dedicated souls who get them ready and up, year after year....

Happy Holidays from your Town Government, ***Best Wishes*** in the New Year
& as Tiny Tim would say, ***'God Bless Us Everyone...'***



SUPPORT YOUR TOWN: EAT OUT!! Another good reason (excuse) to eat out . . . For every \$500 in receipts from Golden Corral turned in by anyone in the town, Golden Corral (owned by Mike & Nancy Dunn) will donate \$50 to the Town Christmas Light Fund.

Mrs. Lewis, a Special Education teacher at White Marsh Elementary was the Teacher of the month for October. In addition to the surprise, she received balloons and flowers and a gift certificate from Giant Food. Mrs. Lewis is shown here with Karen Salmon, TCPS Superintendent, Ginger Roupe, WMES Principal, and a representative from Giant.



Letters to the Editor . . .

I love reading all the town news. The calendar is great for keeping up with town events. Thanks again.

Lou Diefenderfer



The Index is now available online, along with lots of other local info. Visit the town Web site: www.trappemd.net Logon today!!

The Index is a publication of the Trappe Town Council. We welcome contributions and short articles that are of general interest to the community.

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CHURCH NEWS



From Trappe & Scotts United Methodist Churches Sounds of Christmas Everywhere!

The people of Scotts and Trappe UMC are joining together December 22 to make music for Christmas, and everyone in the community is invited! We will gather outside the Fire Hall at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, December 22, for the sounds of the season, to sing along or just to

listen. Dress warmly!!! (If you would like to sing or play an instrument for some "special music" come to Scotts at 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 14, for a brief rehearsal.)

Thursdays Are Youth Music Nights at TUMC Every Thursday from 6-7 p.m., all children and youth are invited to come make music together at Trappe UMC! Pastor Cindy Burkert has been introducing a variety of percussion instruments (conga, klaves, shakers, maracas, cabasa, and tambourines) from her collection. Sometimes it's a little crazy, but there's always a lively sound!

Youth Choir and Sunday School to Lead TUMC Christmas Service, December 19th The Trappe Youth Choir and Sunday School are practicing for a worship service led by the children and youth at 11 a.m. Sunday, December 19. (There will be a rehearsal at 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 18.) The community is invited to share that special day.

"Blue Advent" Service For some of us, Christmas isn't automatically "merry." Some have suffered the loss of a loved one—perhaps recently, or even a long time ago. Because of illness or injury, this won't be the Christmas for which some might have hoped. Some are separated from those they love. Many have lost a job, a home, a friend, or even health. For some of us, we are "blue" for no reason we can name. Advent, the time before Christmas, is a season of waiting and hoping. Trappe United Methodist Church, and Pastor Cynthia Burkert will offer a "Blue Advent" service of prayers for healing on Wednesday, December 15, 6:30-7:15 p.m. Worshippers will name our sorrows, light candles in the evening darkness, and ask for light for our way. (Individual prayers and anointing will be offered for those who desire.) If you are struggling with loss, grief, or illness, the people of Trappe UMC invite you to take part in this special service. All are welcome. For more information: Rev. Cynthia Burkert, (410) 476-3384 or pastor-cindy@dmv.com.

New Bible Study - "for Everyone" Trappe UMC invites all our neighbors to a new Bible Study on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. at 29299 Maple Ave, beginning January 5th and a second Wednesday evening session beginning in February. Both youth and adults are welcome, even if you are not a church-goer or have never studied the Bible. You don't even have to own a Bible! We'll be studying N.T. Wright's "Matthew for Everyone." (In the church's reading cycle, Matthew is the Gospel we read through this year.) Please contact Pastor Cindy Burkert at 410 476-3384 or pastorcindy@dmv.com if you have questions, or by December 29 (to register for the daytime class) so that we can order enough books for everyone.

Looking Ahead to 2005 Look for a series of parent resource classes led by Pastor Cindy. More information later...



Scott's Soup Kitchen will be closed during the Christmas and New Year Holidays, and will resume the first Friday in January (7th).

Town Christmas Caroling!!! See Calendar for Details - Contact any local Church with questions... Come join your neighbors for a night of fun and singing...



Talbot Evangelistic Church

PRESENTS:

“COMING



A Soldier's Christmas Story

**A Christmas Musical Drama
Filled with Hope**

Sunday, December 19, 2004 6:00 pm

&

Monday, December 20, 2004 7:00 pm

**Talbot Evangelistic Church
6099 Ocean Gateway
Trappe, MD 21673
410-822-8401**



*A Free Will Offering will be received to help purchase
Bibles for our Troops in the field.*



Community Outreach from St. Paul's

Tai Chi Classes Being Held

Two sessions per week of Tai Chi Classes are being held at St. Paul's Parish Hall.

Characterized by precisely-executed soft, slow, flowing movements, it has been called "meditation in motion." Tai chi can be practiced by people of all ages. It helps relieve stress, increase overall health, and improve balance. The cost for 10 classes, 1 hour and 15 minutes per class, is \$80. For more information, please contact Mary Getsinger at 410.476.3035.

St. Paul's Preschool Registration Open for 2005

St. Paul's Preschool is a state-approved program for three and four year olds. Come join us for a fun filled learning experience.

Conveniently located on Main Street, St. Paul's is open Tuesday,

Wednesday & Thursday from 8:45 to 11:45 a.m. We have a few spots open for the new year. For more information, contact Lori Hemming at 410.476.4465 or hemming@closecall.com.



TUMC Youth Group + Spaghetti = ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TOWN SUPPER

On November 6th, the newly-formed TUMC "Fourth Saturday" Youth Group hosted the last Town Supper of 2004. The aroma of saucy pasta filled the Fellowship Hall as diners filled the tables. Shown below during a brief break from serving the meal, are: (back row, left to right) Shawn Gustafson, Jason Moore, Jacob Shores, and Ben Farwell; and (front row, left to right) Tony Lewis, Brady Gustafson, and Jacob Andrews. Not pictured were Ashley and Caley Christopher and adult leaders, Dan and Anne Gustafson, Sarah Sewell, and Rachel Coyne.



Jack Burkert made the sauce, and among many helpers and donors were John Farwell, Nancy Dunn, Drake and Elizabeth Ferguson, Roy Sullivan, Ida Hickman, Estelle Slaughter, Jill Christopher, Dick Newcomb, Debbie Asmussen, Mary Rae Adams, Giant Food, Golden Corral Restaurant, and several anonymous dessert suppliers. The Youth Group wishes to thank everyone who came out to support them. They made \$460 toward the Ocean City Youth Rally 2005 (plus donations collected later for several gallons of frozen leftover spaghetti sauce).



TWO TRAPPE LADIES HONORED AT TOWN SUPPER By Drake Ferguson

Cheryl Lewis and Ann Dorbin were interrupted as they enjoyed the community spaghetti dinner sponsored by Trappe Methodist Church to benefit the new youth activities program. Awards and flowers were presented to them for their fine efforts in the production of the town's newsletter *The Index*. Leaders from Emmanuel Wesleyan, St Paul's Episcopal, Scotts United Methodist, and Trappe/Faith Chapel United Methodist Church joined with Friends of Home Run Baker Park, Lions Club, and the Trappe Volunteer Fire Company, meeting in the weeks leading up to the community spaghetti dinner to work out the wording and format of the framed certificates. Seasonal Flowers donated two lovely bouquets to make the occasion even more special.

Husbands Tony Lewis and Richard Dorbin took part in the conspiracy to deliver their families to the dinner at the pre-determined time. "Not the easiest thing," laughed Tony Lewis, who was getting a lot of questions about the 6:00 P. M. dinner time. "We normally eat later than this."

The consensus was that the contribution of the newsletter, which has been published monthly since July 2003, had gone unrecognized for far too long, and that the churches, service organizations, government, and citizens of our town have benefited enormously as a result of *The Index*, and the contribution of Cheryl Lewis and Ann Dorbin. The awards read as follows:

*In Recognition
Of the valuable contributions of
Ann Dorbin / Cheryl Lewis
to the quality of life in the Town of Trappe
through the creative writing and publication of our town
newsletter,
THE INDEX
through which town residents are informed and
thus able to participate more fully in the life of our small
town.
On behalf of our community and in appreciation of the time,
effort and energy that goes into the production
of The Index we thank you for your outstanding work.
The Churches and Service Organizations
of the Town of Trappe
November 6, 2004*



**Greg Kleponis, U.S. Air Force Lt. Col.,
Resident of Main Street, Trappe
Now Stationed in Baghdad, Iraq**

Greg Kleponis is currently stationed in Baghdad, where he is training approximately 1,500 recruits to make up the first three battalions of the Iraqi Police Service's Public Order Battalions (POB), one of two branches in the new Civil Intervention Force (CIF) began in October. The other branch of the CIF will be the Special Police Regiment, which began training in November. The Civilian Police Assistance Training Team (CPATT) will train six battalions of public order police over two consecutive six-week training blocks for a total of 2,400 personnel. "Our responsibility is primarily to train and equip these Civil Intervention Forces, which will then augment the civilian police during times of crisis," Kleponis said (shown here flying a Black Hawk helicopter to an Iraqi Training site). "These guys will be used in times of national emergencies, but they are not the emergency response unit, they are specialized for riot control and other situations like that."

Kleponis said the Iraqi Ministry of Interior plans to use the CIF to counter large scale civil disobedience and insurgency operations throughout Iraq. "The Public Order Battalions are going to be dispersed around the country in various provinces, two locations here in Baghdad and seven other locations that will be determined at a later date," Kle-

ponis said. "Special police regiments will be stationed in Baghdad as well, but right now we are working on getting them trained and ready to go."

CPATT will start out training the POBs, but that job will soon be handed over to Iraqi trainers. In addition to the physical training and equipment skills Kleponis said there will be intensive classroom training to familiarize the students with a new way of thinking about law enforcement. Most of the battalions will be recruited from the areas where they will be assigned.

The deputy commander of the Public Order Battalions, Iraqi Brig. Gen. Aziz Ibrahim, said the POBs will be a great tool in ensuring Iraqis can be free and safe. "We are honored to be asked to serve the Iraqi people in this new unit," Ibrahim said. "In past times, demonstrations were naturally forbidden. We support the freedom of the Iraqi people to demonstrate as in all democracies. Our commitment is that they have the ability to do it safely while not losing public order."

Kleponis was originally scheduled to return home in January; however, his duties have been extended until approximately March 2005. Please keep Greg, and his fiancé, Jen Blackford, in your thoughts and prayers.



The Basket Cases team for the Dorchester County Relay For Life is having a raffle for a trip for four to Disney World, 4 days/nights, valued at \$2,400. All expenses are included except spending and food money. Only 500 tickets to be sold at \$10.00 each. The trip will be given away at the June 2005 Relay. You need not be present to win. Jackie Dungan, a Trappe resident and employee of Travel Associates, is coordinating the trip. For tickets and information, please contact Pat Bridges 410.476.3018 or BridgesPA@CADMUS.com.



Girls scouts will be meeting December 13th and caroling at area nursing homes and retirement facilities.

**COOKIE KICK OFF JANUARY 9th.
TIME TO EAT UP ALL OF LAST YEAR'S
COOKIES. MAKE ROOM IN YOUR FREEZER!!!!**

For more information, contact Barbara Coleman at 410.476.3128 or crimescenechic@yahoo.com



Holiday News From the Post Office










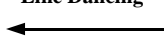


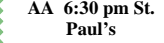


- Trappe Post Office will have **EXTENDED HOURS** for the holiday season. Beginning 12-6-04 until 12-24-04, we will not close for lunch and will stay open until 5:00pm Monday thru Friday.
- In order to expedite and provide accurate service please make sure your P.O. Box number is on all mail pieces.
- Letters to Santa can be dropped off at the Trappe Post Office Holiday Box.
- Please pick up holiday packages from the Post Office as soon as possible.
- The P.O. Box Lobby will be closed Dec 4 at 3:00pm until Dec 5 11:00am please retrieve your mail prior to that time.
- Effective 12-6-04, Stamps by Fax will be available. The fax number is (410) 819-8821. Holiday stamps are now available at the Trappe Post Office come in or fax your order today.
- Passport Service will soon be available at the Post Office.

Happy Holidays! Daphne Garner, Postmaster



December 2004



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR January Is Dec 22nd Trappeindex@verizon or 410-476-3910 Sunday Services St Paul's Holy Eucharist 9 am Sunday School 9 am Emmanuel Wesleyan Sunday School 9:00 am Service 10:30 am Eve Service 6 pm Trappe UMC Sunday School 9:45 am Service 11 am Faith Chapel Service 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 Scott's UMC Sunday Service 9 am	Every Monday TVFD 7 PM Beginning Line Dancing  6 Post Office Extended Hours Open until 5 pm No lunch closure TVFD Beginning Line Dancing 7 pm  13 WMES 6:30pm Brownie & Jr GS TVFD Beginning Line Dancing 7 pm EHS SOS 7 PM 20 TVFD Beginning Line Dancing 7 pm Talbot Evangelistic 'Coming Home' Musical Drama 7 pm EHS Christmas Choir Concert 8 pm	WMES Basketball League Begins December 3rd 4 pm see Mr. Hollis  7 Talbot County Quarterly Municipal Meeting 5 pm SUMC 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study EHS 7 pm Band Boosters 14 WMES 10 am Grandparents Club Special Practice for Community Caroling SUMC 6 pm EMS Christmas Chorus Concert 7 pm TVFD 8 pm Monthly Mtg	1 Trappe Town Council Meeting Public Hearings 7:00 pm Hazardous Mitigation 7:15 pm Zoning Definitions Regular Mtg 7:30 pm 8 TUMC Yard Sale Every Wednesday 8:30 am - 12: pm United Methodist Women 7 pm  Planning Commission Mtg 7:30pm 15 TUMC Yard Sale 8:30 am - 12: pm TUMC Blue Advent Prayers for Healing 6:30 Planning Commission Mtg 7:30pm EMS Holiday Band Concert 7:30 pm	2 TUMC Youth Musical Instrument Night 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7 pm Every Thursday TVFD Line Dancing w/ Steve Moody 7-10pm AA 6:30 pm St. Paul's 9 WMES Winter Program 'The Big Chill' EHS 7 pm TVFD Line Dancing w/ Steve Moody 7-10pm AA 6:30 pm St. Paul's 16 TVFD Line Dancing w/ Steve Moody 7-10pm AA 6:30 pm St. Paul's EHS Holiday Concert & Steel Drums 7:30 pm	3 Seasonal Flowers Open House Banbury Rd 8 am - 4 pm St Paul's Artist Mtg & Brown Bag Lunch 9:30 SUMC 5 pm Soup Kitchen 'Free' 10 St Paul's Artist Mtg Brown Bag Lunch 9:30 SUMC 5 pm Soup Kitchen 'Free'  17 St Paul's Artist Mtg & Brown Bag Lunch 9:30 SUMC 5 pm Soup Kitchen 'Free' EMS Cheerleader Dance 7 pm	4 Seasonal Flowers Open House Banbury Rd 8 am-4 pm PO Box Lobby Closed 3pm 'til Dec 5th 11am Christmas Parades: Cambridge 5 pm Easton 6:30 pm 11 Trappe UMC 7:30-10:00 am Country Church Breakfast / Yard Sale Holiday Craft Program Easton Library 10 - 11 am  18 WMES Ornament Workshop 9 am - Noon TUMC Practice for Youth Christmas Service @ 1 pm
26 	27 TVFD 7 PM Beginning Line Dancing 	28 	29 	30 TVFD Line Dancing w/ Steve Moody 7-10pm AA 6:30 pm St. Paul's School Closed 	31 Town Office Closed St Paul's Artist Mtg Brown Bag 9:30 First Night Talbot Easton New Year's Eve 	Christmas Day 
Check Below for Christmas Services						
School Programs.... on school days... St Paul's Preschool 8:45 am - 11:45 am Every Tue-Wed-Thur Scotts United Methodist Church After-school Program 4:00 pm Mon - Fri White Marsh Elementary Homework Club 3:30 pm Mon - Fri Easton High School Guidance Evening Hours Mondays 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm						
Local Church/Bible Study/Programs Trappe United Methodist Church Tuesdays 29299 Maple Ave 1:00 pm Wednesday Yard Sale Open 8:30am - Noon Wednesday 6:30 pm Worship/Communion 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Wednesdays 7 pm Study Thursday 6 pm Youth Musical Night Thursday 7 pm Choir practice Scotts United Methodist Church Wednesdays 11 am Young @ Heart Wednesdays 2 pm Midday Study Wednesdays 7 pm Evening Study Thursday 5:30 pm Youth Praise Dept.						
Holiday Church Services ... CHRISTMAS EVE Trappe United Methodist (Candlelight Service) 7:00 pm Trappe Wesleyan 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Episcopal 7:30 p.m. with Rev. Roger Tilden CHRISTMAS DAY Scotts United Methodist Casual Service & Brunch 10:00 am NEW YEAR'S EVE Talbot Evangelistic Candlelight Communion Service 10 pm						

White Marsh Elementary Grandparents Club Sponsors Successful Grandparent's Day

We have just completed a very successful and fun Grandparents Day at White Marsh Elementary School. We had 146 grandparents come and visit with their grandchildren in their classrooms, have a snack and lunch (Dominos Pizza) with them and get their picture taken. They even got to go out for recess—some twice! Thank you to all who helped. We had some excellent runners this year who got the grandchildren to their grandparents in a timely manner. We want to thank Sandy Lucas, Savannah Shores, Haley Chambers, Katie Patchett, Ben Culver, Jonathan Clarke, Lindsey Graudin, Nick Phebus, Madeline Fishpaw, Samantha Crowley, and Matthew Horsey for a job well done. Our next event will be The Ornament Workshop on December 18 from 9am to 12pm at the school. Please come out and help us help the kids make an ornament. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 11, 2005 at the school at 10am. The meetings last about an hour and we will be deciding on a fundraiser for the year. All grandparents and grandparent figures are welcome to attend and help with this worthwhile project. Please contact Julie Libby jibby@dmv.com for more information.

Celebrate the Holiday Season by taking the time to treat others with kindness and remember those who are less fortunate than us...

Please keep our Soldiers around the world in your prayers...

& Let us all be thankful for what we do have...

